New methods for water harvesting

†2217. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Ground Water Board has suggested certain new methods for water harvesting;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to tackle the water crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Ground water Board (CGWB) under the Ministry of Water Resources have operationalised and tested various techniques for water harvesting like recharge pits, recharge shafts and recharge trenches, injection well recharging techniques, water spreading methods sub-surface dykes, check dams, percolation tanks and roof top rain water harvesting. The CGWB has also prepared and circulated manual and guidelines on artificial recharge to ground water to all States/Union Territories incorporating various modern techniques of rainwater harvesting for adoption.

(c) Does not arise.

Monitoring Committee of Cauvery River Authority

2218. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Monitoring Committee of Cauvery River Authority used to meet for discussing the availability of water and related aspects;

(b) if so, the details of meetings held for the last one year;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide alternative employment to the unemployed agricultural workers in the Cauvery River delta districts of Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) if not, whether Government will provide relief/compensation to the above agricultural workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Monitoring Committee of the Cauvery River Authority have held four meetings on 6.9.2001, 28.12.2001, 12.2.2002 and 17.5.2002 in the last one year.

(c) to (e) Irrigation being a State subject, providing alternative employment to the unemployed agricultural workers in Cauvery River Delta districts of Tamil Nadu is the responsibility of the State of Tamil Nadu.

Irrigation projects as national projects

2219. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects in the country which have been declared as national projects;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to declare more irrigation projects as national projects in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) As of now, there is no proposal to declare any irrigation/multipurpose Project as a national project.

(c) Does not arise.

Repair of irrigation projects and dams in Kerala

2220. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain major irrigation projects and dams of Kerala are in need of urgent repairs and the State Government of Kerala has requested for Central assistance;

(b) whether Government have extended any assistance to Kerala for undertaking such repairs; and